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FM AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5268
AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY
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DEPT FOR ARA/MGT, A/FBO/ARA, AND A/SY; PANAMA FOR RTC,
CARACAS FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ABLD, ASEC
SUBJECT: FIRE IN CHANCERY-REQUEST FOR SURVEY OF ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

REF: GEORGETOWN 2115 (NOTAL)

1. FOR PANAMA: REFTEL REPORTED FIRE IN INCINERATOR ROOM OF
CHANCERY AT 2345Z, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3.
2. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO WIRING AND FUSES. LOCAL
ELECTRICIAN FAMILIAR WITH SYSTEM SURMISED SHORT WAS CAUSED
WHEN TELEPHONE POLE OUTSIDE EMBASSY PROPERTY COLLAPSED
(FROM OLD AGE); TELEPHONE CABLE STRUCK AND PULLED OR JOSTLED
2" CONDUIT ROUTED ACROSS LOWER CHANCERY ROOF. WORN WIRES
WITHIN CONDUIT SHORTED AND SENT CURRENT SURGE THROUGH TO
SMALL WIRES BEYOND THIRD FLOOR AUXILIARY POWER PANEL, THEN
TO GROUND. ALL BURNT WIRES, EXCEPT GROUND RUNNING TO WATER
PIPE NEAR THIRD FLOOR PANEL, WERE IN CONDUITS OR
STEEL BOXES.
3. FIFTY YEAR-OLD WOODEN CHANCERY AND SURROUNDING
(WITHIN THIRTY FEET) WOODEN TENEMENT APARTMENTS, ARE
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IN EFFECT TINDER BOXES. WE DOUBT THAT CHANCERY COULD
BE SAFELY EVACUATED DURING A FIRE OF MORE SERIOUS
PROPORTIONS THAN THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE. POST THERE-
FORE REQUESTS VISIT ON PRIORITY BASIS OF FBO OR RTC
ENGINEER TO SURVEY ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY
ANY EXISTING OR POTENTIAL FAULTS AND MAKE COMPLETE
ASSESSMENT OF EMBASSY VULNERABILITY FROM WITHIN AND

WITHOUT.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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